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SUBJ: SECRETARY BERGLAND'S MAY 24 MEETING WITH  
ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANESCU

1. ROMANIA'S ACTING PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER, MANEA  
MANESCU, RECEIVED SECRETARY BERGLAND MAY 24 FOR A HIGHLY  
CORDIAL REVIEW OF THE FIRST VISIT TO ROMANIA OF A MEMBER  
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S CABINET. MEETING TOOK PLACE IN  
MANESCU'S ELEGANT OFFICES IN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WING  
OF MFA AND WAS REPORTED ON TV THAT SAME EVENING AND IN  
CENTRAL PRESS MAY 25. SECRETARY BERGLAND WAS ACCOMPANIED  
BY AMBASSADOR, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHAWAY, FAS  
ADMINISTRATOR HUGHES, AND AGATTACHE FRECKMANN. WITH  
PRIME MINISTER WERE VICE PRIME MINISTER AND MINAG MICULESCU,  
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SEVERAL OF HIS DEPUTIES, AND AMBASSADOR CORNELIU BOGDAN,  
FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS.

2. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, SECRETARY BERGLAND  
NOTED HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CEAUESESCU IN WASHINGTON  
ON APRIL 12 AND STRESSED PRESIDENT CARTER'S INSTRUCTION  
TO HIM AND OTHER CABINET MEMBERS TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO

PROMOTE ROMANIAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION AND TO WORK WITH GOR OFFICIALS TOWARD THIS END. HIS REPORT ON MAY 30 TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON ROMANIA'S EXCEPTIONALLY WARM RECEPTION OF HIS PARTY AND ON THE EFFORTS AND PROGRESS TOWARD IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION WOULD BE POSITIVE. CITING THE EMPHASIS HE HAD PLACED IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE NECESSITY FOR INCREASE IN TWO-WAY BILATERAL TRADE, BERGLAND SAID HE AND MICULESCU HAD DISCUSSED AND ESTABLISHED AN AGENDA FOR FURTHER COOPERATION AND BELIEVE U.S. COULD PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROMANIA'S LIVESTOCK BREEDING AND UPGRADE ITS FEEDING THROUGH INCREASED EXPORTS OF SOYBEAN AND OTHER PROTEIN SUPPLIES. ROMANIA WOULD WISH TO MOVE AHEAD WITH ITS WINE, HAM AND OTHER MEAT EXPORTS. BEYOND THAT U.S. AND ROMANIA WOULD WORK TOGETHER IN LARGER WORLD CONTEXT TO TRY TO HELP OTHERS REDUCE THEIR TRADE BARRIERS.

3. TURNING TO QUESTION OF SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD, SECRETARY BERGLAND SAID AGENDA INCLUDED POSSIBILITIES OF HELPING IMPROVE SOIL AND WATER UTILIZATION, INCREASING AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION AND SERVICES. HE WOULD ALSO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR U.S. SCIENTISTS IN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES TO COOPERATE WITH ROMANIA TO EXPAND KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED GENETICS. WHILE HE COULD NOT MAKE ANY DEFINITE PREDICTION AS TO WHERE THE AGENDA

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WOULD LEAD, SECRETARY BERGLAND TOLD MANESCU REAL PROSPECTS EXISTED FOR INCREASED COOPERATION.

4. PRIME MINISTER MANESCU SAID HE APPRECIATED SECRETARY BERGLAND'S ASSESSMENT. ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC OPINION FELT THE APRIL CARTER-CEAUSESCU MEETING CONSOLIDATED PROSPECTS FOR MORE DIVERSIFIED BILATERAL COOPERATION AND WAS A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL GAIN FOR INCREASING EQUITABLE COOPERATION BETWEEN SMALL AND GREAT COUNTRIES. ALREADY U.S. ASSISTANCE HAD HELPED ROMANIA IMPROVE ITS OVERALL ECONOMIC RELATIONS. WHILE SOME QUESTIONS SUCH AS PREFERENCES, TARIFFS, AND TRADE LIBERALIZATION REMAINED UNRESOLVED.

IF ROMANIA IS TO INCREASE ITS EXPORTS, NOT MANY OF THESE EXISTED IN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. ROMANIA'S DESIRE TO IMPORT TECHNOLOGY REQUIRED AN INCREASE IN ITS IMPORT ALSO OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY CEREALS. HE WONDERED WHETHER THE

PURCHASE OF CEREALS MIGHT NOT BE MADE ON LOAN TERMS  
EXCEEDING THREE YEARS, THEREBY FACILITATING AN INCREASE  
AND DIVERSIFICATION OF IMPORTS FROM THE U.S.

5. MANESCU NOTED HIS FOUNDING ROLE, WITH AMBASSADOR  
BOGDAN, IN JOINT VENTURE WITH CONTROL DATA CORP. AND  
CITED ISLAND CREEK COAL IMPORT AGREEMENT AS SECOND  
IMPORTANT MAJOR DEVELOPMENT. NOW GOR DESIRED JOINT  
VENTURES IN INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION  
IN FIELDS OF AGRICULTURE, OIL, STEEL, CHEMICAL AND WOOD  
TECHNOLOGY. ROMANIA DID NOT SEEK CLASSIC TRADE TIES  
WITH U.S. BUT RATHER A NEW INNOVATIVE RELATIONSHIP.  
ONLY BY ASSURING THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC  
RELATIONSHIP COULD PROGRESS COME IN ALL OTHERS ESSENTIAL  
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TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND PEACE.

6. RETURNING TO SUBJECT OF ROMANIA'S AGRICULTURAL  
POTENTIAL, MANESCU SAID FARMING HAD BEEN IN THE "VERY  
BEING" OF ROMANIAN PEOPLE FOR CENTURIES. HE SAID  
COUNTRY WOULD SOON CELEBRATE 2,050TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FIRST FOUNDING OF ROMANIAN CENTRALIZED STATE ORGANIZA-  
TION IN PLOIESTI. THAT STATE COLLAPSED AFTER THREE  
YEARS BECAUSE THE KING MADE MAJOR ERROR IN AGRICULTURAL

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POLICY OF DESTROYING THE VINEYARDS. TODAY ROMANIA'S PROGRESS IN MECHANIZED AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION WAS ENCOURAGING BUT NOT SATISFYING. PER HECTARE PRODUCTION SHOULD BE IMPROVED AS WELL AS AVERAGE QUALITY OF CROPS. NEW PRIORITY SHOULD GO TO RESEARCH. AS PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA'S AGRICULTURAL COJNCIL, MANESCU SAID HE COULD REPORT DECISION TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF EXPORTS TO U.S. MANESCU SAID BERGLAND VISIT STRENGTHENS FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN U.S. AND ROMANIA AND THAT THE SECRETARY COULD LEAVE KNOWING HIS VISIT HAD ADVANCED OUR GENERAL ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL RELATIONSHIP.

7. CONCLUDING THE FORMAL EXCHANGE, SECRETARY BERGLAND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR TWO DAYS OF FULL, FRIENDLY, AND USEFUL FIELD OBSERVATIONS AND EXCHANGES. CONTACTS WOULD CONTINUE BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND WITH APPROPRIATELY LICENSED PRIVATE U.S. ORGANIZATIONS WHO HANDLED IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WOULD GIVE ITS FULL SUPPORT.

8. THE FORMAL EXCHANGE IN CONFERENCE ROOM WAS FOLLOWED BY A SEATED RECEPTION IN ADJOINING ROOM WHERE CHOICE ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, INCLUDING WINES, WERE SERVED. MANESCU DESCRIBED TO THE SECRETARY HIS LONG ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION WITH U.S. DATING TO FAMILY EMPLOYMENT WITH ROMANIAN-AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY.

9. COMMENT: ELEGANCE AND WARMTH OF PRIME MINISTER'S RECEPTION OF SECRETARY BERGLAND WAS CLEAR INDICATION WISH TO SHOW FULL APPRECIATION OF IMPORTANCE OF FIRST U.S. CABINET-LEVEL VISIT SINCE CEAUSESCU WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CATER, AS WELL AS STRONG DESIRE TO INCREASE AGJMCULTURAL TRADE.

10. DUE TO EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE MAY 25, ABOVE WAS NOT CLEARED WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY.  
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